

LONG-TERM BUDGET GOALS

Public Safety

Police – Reduce crime and promote awareness that helps prevent crime.

- Resolve interoperability and outdated communication technology with a new radio system by the federally mandated date of 2012.
- Enhance Homeland Security by participating in multi-agency specialized SWAT force to specifically handle terrorist threats and incidents.
- Enhance police presence in neighborhoods; increase Police storefront hours.

Fire – Provide high quality fire protection, fire prevention, and emergency medical services.

- Improve fire suppression coverage citywide; maintain staffing standard of four firefighters per apparatus.
- Continue providing high quality emergency medical services.

Mobility Planning and Infrastructure

Transportation System – Construct, maintain, and operate an efficient network of roads, mass transit, and traffic flow that supports transportation needs.

- Improve drainage capacity to protect lives and property from severe floods.
- Maintain and operate the street system to provide smooth traffic flow.

Improving The Quality Of Life

Neighborhood Services – Improve the quality of life citywide and at the neighborhood level.

- Expand health services including disease prevention, control of communicable diseases, children's health services and environmental monitoring.
- Expand recreational opportunities citywide to provide a higher quality of life in the community.
- Revitalize neglected neighborhoods and promote homeownership with financial incentives for homebuyers and developers.

Energy Efficiency

- Further assist individuals and businesses citywide in efficient, affordable uses of energy.
- Develop and maintain programs that monitor and control energy use while identifying and utilizing new less expensive forms of energy; such as solar and wind.

City Government

- Continue providing disciplined financial management while demonstrating good stewardship of tax dollars and maintaining tax rates at a level that encourages economic growth.
- Develop improved processes that maximize and support the long-term growth and well being of the city.